

County of San Diego
Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group
7 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021
Approved Minutes

This meeting was held remotely

The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the meetings of the Campo Lake Morena Planning Group, which is the county-sponsored link between the community and San Diego County dealing with planning and land use. Members of the public will be given the opportunity to speak regarding any item on the agenda. In addition, during public discussion, members of the community will be given the opportunity to address other matters pertaining to land use issues in our area. No action or vote may be taken on items not on the agenda. The final agenda will be posted 72 hours prior to the meeting and may be found at the Campo branch of the U.S. Post Office, the Campo branch of the San Diego County Library and the Lake Morena Market bulletin board. Community members may also contact the group chairman to regularly receive agendas by email: campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com.

1. CALL TO ORDER 7 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – waived

- 3. ROLL CALL:** 1-vacant
2- vacant
3- Billie Jo Jannen - P
4- vacant
5- Rob Romero - P
6- Steve Biddle - P
7- Bob Shea - P

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 3, 2021 *Motion by Bob Shea, second by Rob Romero, to approve draft minutes without changes. Approved 4,0,0*

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS *None*

6. PUBLIC DISCUSSION: At this time, the public is invited to speak on any item that does not appear on the agenda. Public speakers will be limited to 2 minutes.

Rob Romero said he attended the Jacumba Valley Ranch solar meeting and it had around 60 attendees. Based on public input, the group has proposed an alternative plan to scale it down and move it away from the homes and businesses in the community.

Al mentioned that the overgrown brush between the bridge and Oak Dr. will be cleared by forestry service. The Daubachs have relocated out of state, so the Real East County Firesafe council is now to be operated by Mark and Lorrie Ostrander.

Todd Voorhees reminded the group that Firesafe councils may be able to get funding from the Sunrise Powerlink grant fund for public safety projects.

Carol Green A group of doctors has done a study on impacts and safety of high THC cannabis. County is doing inadequate safety measures and oversight of cannabis supply chain. She provides a link to the results.

Kelly McCorman comments on cannabis also. She is concerned about environmental impacts and reports that a Colorado study found that the air and water impacts are higher than that of coal. She feels the county has failed to properly look into these issues.

Judy Strang has been going to all the BOS meetings on the new cannabis ordinance and reports that many other planning/sponsor groups have also commented about concerns.

Becky Rapp hopes the group will take advantage of the extended project timeline and push for more protections for children and other members of the public.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Update on microgrid, especially details on flow batteries that will be used onsite. Todd Voorhees of SDG&E to present. **Discussion only.**

Todd Voorhees provided a brief overview of the microgrid project at Cameron Corners and the wood-to-metal pole replacements project. Campo is host to one of 4 microgrid projects it currently plans. Connections to sites that will receive power during an outage are being undergrounded. When power is on, the microgrid will feed its power to the at-large grid. When we have a shut-off, it will power gas stations and other services in and around the intersection of Hwy 94 and BSR. Larry Johnson talked about the inner workings of flow batteries proposed for the site, and seeks detailed information on how mishaps in the tanks and pumping system will be handled. Voorhees was uncertain, as the technical person he had hoped to have was unable to attend. After some discussion, and a number of additional comments from the public, it was agreed that Todd Voorhees would host a meeting that PG members and other interested parties can attend to ask detailed technical questions.

b. Letter to Traffic Advisory Committee/DPW requesting review of speed limit on parts of BSR. Bob Shea to provide suggested language for the letter. **Discussion and vote.**

Bob reports that an effort is already underway to address the issue, so we will hold off on this item to an undefined later date. Current work order #17697 is for DPW to survey the problem and suggest a solution to speeding drivers preventing safe ingress/egress for driveways on BSR. No vote taken.

c. Letter to Joel Anderson requesting that he vigorously oppose AB 1139 (charging solar owners extra fees) and AB 427 (seeking to use privately owned batteries and electric cars to draw extra power during peak usage times). **Discussion and vote.**

These bills would financially penalize grid-connected solar and battery owners who have made the investment to buy all their equipment. According to AB 1139 author, Lorena

Gonzales, solar owners are being rewarded at the expense of poor minorities, and solar owners should be charged more money to subsidize underprivileged ratepayers. The extra money – an estimated \$75 a month per service connection – would be paid to utility companies. Chairman Jannen reported that much of the bill was recently gutted and replaced with new language that is much more vague. She asked that this item be skipped until she can better review the new language. Tabled.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Priority ordering of new re-paving list, as discussed at the last meeting.

Discussion and vote.

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/dpw/roads/Resurfacing_Program/

With the proposed roads on the screen, the group ordered them as follows (projects that were already scheduled, or known to not be county-maintained, were left off the new list)

5. Lilac between Sage and Cypress

1. Buckman Springs Road – all

4. Quail Rd curbs (water dumping on property from road and causing erosion)

2. Oak Drive from LMD to the county park gate

3. All of Custer Road

Motion to approve by Rob Romero, second by Steve Biddle. Motion passes 4,0,0

b. Standing subcommittee reports (no action): Groundwater, Rob Romero; Sewer and Septic, vacant; Community Economic Impacts, Steve Biddle; Public Safety, Bob Shea.

Rob Romero spoke with a reporter about an article on cannabis. He has discovered that some people who have started hemp farms in the county are planning to switch to high-THC products at some point. He suggests that we step up efforts to get groundwater limitations placed on these projects.

Steve Biddle reported that real estate and rent prices are going up in the region.

c. Chairman's report, Billie Jo Jannen (no action). The county is cooking up a new way to charge East County commuters extra money: vehicles miles traveled on projects outside of high density enclaves down in the cities. This would also adversely affect agriculture programs. The supervisors approved it on Wednesday with a laundry list of provisos, none of which included protecting agriculture from higher costs. I have pre-approval from the county to purchase a large thumb drive, on which I will place the voluminous electronic archives I have accumulated. It's purpose is to go from chairman to chairman as the group's make-up changes with time.

9. CORRESPONDENCE: Members of the public who wish to read the correspondence listed may request it by email at campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com.

a. Notice of preparation letter from County contractor Darin Neufeld, offering to present on the new Climate Action Plan Supplemental EIR. The updates include standards for the vehicles-miles-traveled initiative.

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/climateactionplan.html>

Forwarded to group.

b. Jacumba Valley Ranch solar project (600+ ACRES) Map and Jacumba Sponsor Group comments on the project EIR. Forwarded to group.

c. Text of lawsuit challenging Diego County Supervisors' approval of Campo Wind's Boulder Brush Substation Facilities on private land (old Big Country Ranch) at the north end of Ribbonwood Road. The project would serve an additional 90 wind turbines proposed for the Campo Reservation (which is also being challenged in court). Forwarded by Boulevard Planning Group. **Forwarded to group.**

d. Invitation from SDC Department of Environmental Health and Quality to participate in community partnership workshops explaining what they do and how they support social justice. For questions regarding the community partner meetings, please contact Joann Fang at Joann.Fang@sdcounty.ca.gov or (619) 379-7965. **Forwarded to group.**

[DEHQ Community Partner Meeting #7](#)

When: May 25, 2021 at 9 a.m.

[DEHQ Community Partner Meeting #8](#)

When: May 25, 2021 at 2 p.m.

e. Agenda for April 23 meeting of the SDC Traffic Advisory Committee. Nothing in our area. **Forwarded to group.**

f. Notification of the April 14 SDC Planning Commission hearing on the new Environmental Justice Element. Forwarded to group.

g. Notice from Jacumba Sponsor Group of May 7 community meeting on JVR solar project. Forwarded to group.

h. Offer from PDS to present a progress update on the Socially Equitable Cannabis Program. There will also be a workshop on Wednesday, May 26 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Email Aleena.Benedito@sdcounty.ca.gov for an invitation and login information. **Forwarded to group.**

i. Invitation from Rural Community Assistance Corporation to stakeholder's meeting of the proposed consolidation of small water systems in the Cameron Corners and Campo

area, and to assist with interim water quality compliance for San Ysidro Health (1 p.m., Thursday, May 20). **Forwarded to group.**

10. EXPENSES: Report any valid expenses for group approval. Discussion and vote.
None tendered.

11. UPDATES AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS
A support letter for Jacumba will be on the next agenda.

12. REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEMS FOR UPCOMING AGENDAS: All requests for placement of agenda items must be to the planning group chairman by the third Tuesday of each month.

Next regular meeting, June 28, 2021 at 7 p.m. *We don't know if it will be virtual or in-person. If in-person, we will go back to our regular 6 p.m. meeting time.* If you wish to appear on the agenda, please contact CLMPG Chairman Billie Jo Jannen, 28736 Highway 94, Unit 1, Campo, CA 91906, email her at campoplanninggroup@nym.hush.com or call 619-415-6298. Final agendas are posted at least 72 hours prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. by Rob Romero, second by Steve Biddle. Motion approved 4,0,0